GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the main objectives and the number of centres of the National Council of Teacher Education in the country;

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether some of the centres have been under scrutiny by a Central Team;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) a brief summary of the Report received along with a detailed status report on the findings with final decision on each issue of the Report?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a): The National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) was established under the NCTE Act, 1993 to achieve planned and coordinated development of the teacher education system in the country. Under the NCTE Act, four Regional Committees have been established - Eastern Regional Committee, Bhubaneswar, Western Regional Committee, Bhopal, Northern Regional Committee, Jaipur and Southern Regional Committee, Bangalore. The Regional Committees grant recognition to institutions for undertaking various teacher education courses in accordance with the NCTE Act and the Rules and Regulations made thereunder.

(b): The total expenditure incurred in respect of the four Regional Committees during the last three years is as under.

Year	Expenditure (in Rs crore)
2009-10	6.17
2010-11	5.67
2011-12	6.94

(c) to (e): The Government had set up two Committees in 2007 and 2010 to review the functioning of the Western Regional Committee (WRC), Bhopal and Northern Regional Committee (NRC), Jaipur of the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE). Both the Committees pointed out lacunae in the functioning of the two Regional Committees, including irregularities and inconsistencies in the decision making process and inadequate monitoring by the NCTE. The Committees also recommended that systemic reforms should be initiated.

Based on the reports of these two Committees and the overall working of the NCTE, the Government decided to exercise the powers conferred by section 30 of the National Council for Teacher Education Act, 1993. Accordingly, the Government vide Notification dated 7th July, 2011 superseded the Council of the NCTE. The Government has appointed a six-member Committee to exercise and perform the functions of the Council.